GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INCLUSION OF CASTES IN ST LIST
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The criteria fixed and procedure followed for including a particular community or caste into the list of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from different States for inclusion of various castes and communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the names of such Tribes, State-wise;

(d) the details of action taken by the Government in this regard as on date; and

(e) the details of castes included in the schedule of Scheduled Tribes during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a): The criteria fixed for inclusion of a community in the list of Scheduled Tribes are-

i) Indications of primitive traits,

ii) Distinctive culture,

iii) Geographical isolation,

iv) Shyness of contact with the community at large, and

v) Backwardness.

The communities fulfilling the above criteria are considered for being notified as STs, in accordance with the modalities approved by Government in June 1999, for deciding claims for inclusion in and exclusion from the lists of STs.

(b) to (d): Yes Sir, the Ministry has received proposals from different State Governments, UT Administrations and other agencies for inclusion, exclusion, modifications etc. of various groups and communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes. A list of the proposals received in the Ministry, State-wise, is at Annexure. The proposals received have been processed as per the approved modalities.

(e): No community has been included in the list of Scheduled Tribes during the last three years.